

**Rent Stabilization Commission  
City of West Hollywood  
Thursday, November 14, 2013 @ 7:00 PM  
West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers  
625 North San Vicente Boulevard**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Maggio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Topchian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover took roll call.

**PRESENT:** Chair Richard Maggio, Vice Chair Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Gail Sanes, Commissioner David Gregoire, and Commissioner Kurpies

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage, Manager of Rent Stabilization and Housing Peter Noonan, Legal Counsel to the Commission Alison Regan, and Commission Secretary Laura Schoonover.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire and seconded by Commissioner Sanes to approve the November 14, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion approved (5-0-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanes and seconded by Commissioner Gregoire to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2013 meeting. Motion approved (5-0-0) with Commissioner Kurpies abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Elizabeth Savage, announced that the next Valuations Guidelines subcommittee meeting will be held on November 15, 2013. She announced that there would be no meeting on December 26, 2013 and that the next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission would be on December 12, 2013. Ms. Savage informed the Commission that at the December 12, 2013 meeting the

Director/Managers Look Ahead calendar will be updated with topics inspired by the Commissions 2013-2014 priorities.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None

**APPEALS:**

**A. D-3758CD1 1201 N. Crescent Heights Blvd.  
(Rent Reduction)**

Alison Regan, Legal Counsel to the Commission, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Landlord representative Michael Bernstein was in attendance and spoke to the Commission regarding the appeal.

No representative for the tenant was present.

After a public discussion among the Commission regarding the appeal, a motion was made by Commissioner Gregoire to affirm the decision of the Compliance Determination and restore the five dollar monthly rent reduction that had previously been imposed for the lobby chairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanes. The motion passed (3-2-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Social Services Supervisor David Giugni introduced Shawn Kravich from LA HIV Law and Policy Project (LAHLPP). Mr. Kravich presented to the Commission an overview of LAHLPP's purpose and services and answered Commissioners questions.

B. Human Services and Rent Stabilization Director Elizabeth Savage provided the Commission with a staff report on the 2013 Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Building Blocks seminar series outcomes and the upcoming 2014 proposed curriculum.

Chair Maggio thanked staff for their work on the RSO Building Blocks seminar series and commented on the wide variety of subject matter that was covered.

Commissioner Kurpies asked whether interdepartmental staff worked together to develop and facilitate the seminars.

Chair Maggio commented on the Tenant Harassment seminar.

Commissioner Kurpies suggested a seminar on pet policies and suggested topics that can be covered in the Roommates and Sub-Tenants seminar.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Maggio adjourned the Rent Stabilization Commission meeting at 7:57 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on December 12, 2013 in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were taken and submitted by Laura Schoonover, Commission Secretary. Adopted this 12th day December, 2013.

ATTEST:



Richard Maggio, Chair



Secretary